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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An article selected from the group consisting of a flexible carrying implement, medical application, kitchen or bathroom implement, decorative covering, home accent item, pet industry article, fabric or fabric backing, and a bedding application, wherein said article comprises a laminate web comprising:
 - a) a first web;
 - b) a second web joined to said first web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites, the first and second webs forming an interior region therebetween;
 - c) said bond site defining an elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3 and having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction; and
 - d) a third non-thermoplastic material involved in said discrete bond sites and substantially filling said interior region, ~~wherein said third material is not a meltblown or an elastic material.~~

2 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended): An article selected from the group consisting of a flexible carrying implement, medical application, kitchen or bathroom implement, decorative covering, home accent item, pet industry article, fabric or fabric backing, and a bedding application, wherein said article comprises a laminate web comprising:
 - a) a first web;
 - b) a second web joined to said first web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites, the first and second webs forming an interior region therebetween;
 - c) said bond site defining an elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3 and a width of less than about 0.02 inches; and

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d) a third non-thermoplastic material involved in said discrete bond sites and substantially filling said interior region, wherein said third material is not a meltblown or an elastic material.

11. (Previously Presented) The article according to Claim 1 wherein the laminate has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, density, thickness, and combinations thereof.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The article according to Claim 10 wherein the laminate has distinct regions being differentiated by at least one property selected from the group consisting of basis weight, fiber orientation, density, thickness, and combinations thereof.

14. (Cancelled)